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REMARKS

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1. About 10 aircraft practiced flying and bombing at the Strausberg (N 53/V 15) airfield all day, the planes staying aloft for 20 to 30 minutes. The detonations sounded as if heavy-caliber bombs were dropped.
2. The field has so far been occupied by about 40 twin-engine aircraft, none of them with a radar set at the nose. It was observed that some of the planes had a glazed underside of nose.
3. A hundred workers have been doing grading work at the field since 13 February 1950. The field was allegedly to be expanded southward as far as the Strausberg-Hohenstein (N 53/V 15) highway. The knackerery located in this area was to be removed. Field workers said that a concrete runway was to be built. No indications, however, were observed.

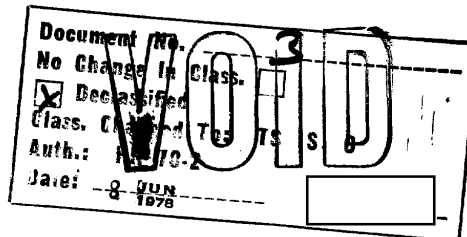
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Comment:

a. The number of aircraft seen at the field agrees with the observations of other sources. A bomber regiment is carried in Strausberg. The planes observed are apparently PE-2s (glazed nose). Other sources also frequently saw twin-engine planes with unglazed nose (PE-3s?).

b. The alleged expansion work on the landing field has not been confirmed by other sources.

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